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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION.

ANNE R.

Whereas in the late Expedition to Cadiz, *great Quantities of Goods and Plate were, contrary to Our Express Command, and the Order of the General of Our Forces there, Seized and Taken from* Port St. Mary, *as Plunder, and put on Board several of Our Men of War, and other Ships in Our Service there. And whereas Sir* George Rooke, *Admiral of Our Fleet, did, by several his Orders respectively Directed to the Captains and Commanders of Our Ships and Vessels, and to the Captains and Commanders of the Hired Ships and Vessels in Our Service there, Require them to secure all such Goods for Our Use and Service, and not to permit the same to be put out of such Ships, before the same should be Viewed by an Officer of Our Customs. And whereas it hath been Represented unto Us, That great part of the Plunder taken from* Port St. Mary, *and also of the Effects taken on Board the Galleons, and other Ships taken at* Vigo, *have been unlawfully Embezelled, and are now Concealed from Us: We therefore being Resolved to use all lawful Means for Discovering and Obtaining the said Effects taken on Board the said Galleons, in Order to a just Distribution of such Rewards as We shall think fit, to those who were Engaged in the Service at* Vigo, *and also for Discovering and Obtaining the said Plunder taken from* Port St. Mary, *Do, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, hereby strictly Charge and Command all Our Sea and Land Officers, Seamen, Soldiers, and other Persons whatsoever, who have any part of the said Plunder taken at* Port St. Mary *aforesaid, or any of the said Effects taken on Board any of the Galleons, or other Ships at* Vigo, *and Embezelled and Concealed, as aforesaid, That they and every of them do, within Twenty Days after the Date of this Our Proclamation, give Notice of, and Deliver the same unto some One or more of Our Commissioners for Prizes in* London, *or elsewhere, upon Pain of Incurring Our High Displeasure, and being Prosecuted with the utmost Severity according to Law. And for the Encouraging the making of such Discovery, We are hereby Graciously pleased to Declare, That no Prosecution shall be against any Person whatsoever for the Embezelment, Detaining or Concealing of any Goods taken from on Board the Galleons, or other Ships taken at* Vigo, *which he shall Discover and Deliver pursuant to Our Commands herein, within Twenty Days from the Date hereof, nor against any Person whatsoever under the Degree of a Captain, for the Imbezelment, Detaining or Concealing of any Goods taken at* Port St. Mary, *which he shall Discover and Deliver, pursuant to Our Commands herein, within Twenty Days from the Date hereof. And We do hereby further Declare, That for the Encouragement of all others who after the said Twenty Days from the Date hereof, shall make Discovery of any of the said Plunder or Effects so Imbezelled, and then Concealed, to Our said Commissioners for Prizes, the Person or Persons making such Discovery, shall have and receive, as a Reward, One clear Fifth Part of the Value of what shall be obtained by means thereof: And We do hereby direct Our Commissioners of Prizes to Pay or Deliver such Fifth Part of the Value accordingly.*

Given at Our Court at *St. James's* the Thirteenth Day of *December*, 1702. In the First Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Lisbon, December 14. *N. S.* Her Majesty's Ships the *Mountague* and *Loo* are safely arrived in this Port, with the Ships from *Newfoundland*, bound to this Place and *Oporto*, under their Convoy. The *Portuguese* expect every day their Ships from the *East-Indies*, and their Fleet from *Brazil*.

Rome, November 25. The Work begun by Pope *Innocent* XII. for carrying fresh Water from the Mountain of *Tolffa*, by the means of an Aqueduct 22 Miles long, to *Civita Vecchia*, is at length finished, by the Care of Cardinal *Panfilio*, who had the Direction of that Work. The Difference between Cardinal *Grimani* and the *Spanish* Ambassador growing every day wider, so that the Consequence seemed very dangerous, the Pope, to prevent any Inconveniencies, caused several Guards of Soldiers to be posted about the Town, particularly one of 300 Men near the Ambassador's House, who complaining of it to the Secretary of State, was answered, *That it could not be taken off while he kept such a number of Men in Arms near him, as endangered the Publick Peace*: He thereupon offered to dismiss them, if the Cardinal would do the like, which the latter having consented to; that Point being once gained, the Matter in dispute between them was soon adjusted by the Mediation of the *Venetian* Ambassador, to the great Satisfaction of this Court, which this Affair had made very uneasie. Some days ago, at the opening of the Gates of this City, above 150 *Neapolitans* offered to come in; The Dispute we have just now mentioned was not ended at that time, so it was thought these Men might be sent for by one of the contending Parties; and their number besides giving good grounds of Suspicion that they came upon some ill Design, they were denied entrance; And Orders were given, that for the future the Gates should be shut at Sunset, and not opened till Sunrise; and that great Care should be taken to examine all Persons coming in. It is much discoursed here, that the Pope, after his Journey to *Loretto*, will proceed to *Savoy*, and that the *French* King will come thither, in order to have an Interview with him.

Genoua, November 25. The Galleys of this State returned into this Port the 17th Instant, having attended the King of *Spain* as far as *Vado*. The Prince of *Vaudemont* who came hither with him, immediately after his Departure returned to his Government of *Milan*; but the Duke of *Mantua* continues here. The *Flushing* Capers which cruize in these Seas, have within this week brought two rich *French* Prizes, whereof one is valued at 70000 Crowns, into *Leghorn*, and a third into this Port. By Letters from *Carbonara* of the 12th Instant we have an Account, That Prince *Eugene* arrived there the night before with his Army, having prevented the Design of the Duke of *Vendosme*, who, when he decamped from *Luzzara*, marched in great hast towards *Mirandola*, and other Places where the *Germans* intended to take their Winter Quarters, with intent to ravage the Country, and make it impossible for them to subsist there: But Prince *Eugene* got there before him, and the two Armies were once so near, that a Battel must have ensued, if the Duke of *Vendosme* had not desisted from his Enterprise, and retired